

NYDIA · 6 Months Old

Nydia loves playing hide-and-seek. She likes to watch herself in the mirror. She has learned to pass things from one hand to the other, clap her hands together and reach for her toys. She has started to eat some cereal and fruit, but she still mostly drinks from a bottle. She still wakes up in the middle of the night.

ELISA · 1 Year Old

Elisa has started walking, but she still prefers crawling because it is faster. She can say a few words like "Mama" and "Dada." She likes playing with toys and has definite favorites. She will only go to sleep at night if her daddy rubs her tummy. She can pretty much eat on her own, but she still uses her fingers and makes a big mess. She has some new teeth growing in, which can make her cranky.

BENITO · 2 Years Old

Benito is almost potty trained, but has accidents every once in a while. He still wears a diaper at night just in case. He sits at the table in a booster seat and eats with his parents, but he is still pretty messy. Benito has entered the "terrible twos" and likes to say "No" a lot just because he can. He's very curious and gets into everything.

DAVID · 3 Years Old

David goes to preschool each morning. He can count to 10 and say his ABCs. He knows most of his colors and shapes. He is very creative and likes to paint and color. He likes to watch "Sesame Street" and can sing along with the songs. While David isn't in the "terrible twos" anymore, he is still stubborn and occasionally has temper tantrums when he doesn't get his way.

GARRETT · 4 Years Old

Garrett likes to watch shows on Nickelodeon and play with his new puppy, but sometimes the puppy scares him. He likes to look at books and pretend that he's reading. Garrett loves it when his mother snuggles with him at bedtime and reads his favorite stories. He's attending preschool and looking forward to kindergarten next year. Sometimes Garrett gets in trouble for fighting with other children because he doesn't want to share his toys.

BARBARA · 5 Years Old

Barbara has asked to be called "Barbie," just like her favorite toy, and won't answer to any other name. She's becoming more independent every day and can dress herself and make her bed in the morning. She started kindergarten this fall but is having some trouble learning her numbers and ABCs. Possibly because of her challenges at school, she takes forever getting ready in the morning. Recently, Barbie got a new baby brother, who she likes to help take care of even though she often gets jealous of all the attention he gets.

DYLAN · 6 Years Old

Dylan loves school, playing baseball and collecting bugs. Sometimes he puts bugs in his little sister's bed to scare her. Dylan is a big help at home. He can set and clear the table at meals. He wants to tag along after his older brother, but isn't always allowed to. He complains that his mother still treats him like a baby.

ALETA · 7 Years Old

Aleta doesn't like school and hates to read. Getting her to do homework each night is difficult. She would rather watch TV or play with her dolls. Aleta is a very good artist and likes to draw and paint. She has lots of friends and enjoys socializing. She wants to wear makeup and dress like the singers in her favorite music videos but her parents won't let her. Aleta gets mad when she can't do what she wants and does a lot of acting out (misbehaving).